. No. 1010 **SENATE**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to providing a sick leave allowance to employees of the department of mental retardation upon retirement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A SICK LEAVE ALLOWANCE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION UPON RETIREMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31A of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as

appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following:-

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(e) Employees of the Department of Mental Retardation who retire and who have accrued unused

sick-leave credits shall be paid or at the option of the employee, entitled to a contribution to a

5 qualified retirement plan established in the employee's name under section 401(a) of the Internal

Revenue Code and under chapter 32 an amount equal to one hundred percent of the value of such

credits computed by multiplying the number of days of sick-leave available times the daily rate

of salary compensation received by the employee at the time of his retirement; provided,

however, that such payment for unused sick-leave shall not affect the amount of retirement

allowance available to the employees of the Department of Mental Retardation.